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THURSDAY, OCT. 8th, 1885.

COUNTY OF DENNIS AG- RICULTURAL SOCIETY.

SECOND ANNUAL EXHIBI- TION - A MARKED SUCCESS.

Stem Plough at work - Meth- odist Dinner - Large Attendance, etc.

Last Tuesday was the day appointed
 for holding the second annual ex-
 hibition of the Dennis Agricultural
 Society, and the weather proved all
 that could be desired. During the
 day the merchants were kept very
 busy attending to the extra rush of
 customers. It is estimated there were
 over 700 people in town for the oc-
 casion. One of the chief attractions
 of the day was the

ISOLATED STEAM PLOUGH,
 which was at work on Messrs. Bourvis
 & Routledge's farm. The plough is
 drawn by a traction engine, is 33 ft.
 across, and has six wheels which work
 crossways from the way it is moving.
 The engine is 25-horse power and
 travels on the prairie at the rate of five
 miles an hour, the travelling wheels
 being seven feet in diameter and 30
 inches wide. The engine is controlled
 on a plan that enables it to work
 a thrasher or draw a load of from 10
 to 15 tons to market. The weight of
 the plough is only 12 tons and a half.

A goodly number of horses and cat-
 tle were on the ground and attracted
 much attention. The vegetables,
 dairy produce and fancy goods were
 shown in the new mill and made a
 fine display.

Owing to the judges having left
 town with the list of prizes, for some
 of the classes we are unable to give the
 prize list this week.

AGRICULTURAL DINNER.

A LARGE AND INFLUENTIAL GATHERING.

Expressions of Dissatisfaction at the Grain Buyers Monopoly.

A Local County Court wanted. -Loyal and other Toasts.

The County of Dennis Agricultural
 Society held their public supper on
 Tuesday evening at the Virden House
 and a large spread was prepared by
 "Miss Host" R. Bellamy. A com-
 pany of about thirty sat down to
 supper, the President, Mr. Elder, oc-
 cupying the chair and the Vice-Presi-
 dent, Mr. Proctor, the vice-chair.
 There were present the Hon. Mr.
 Bourvis, Messrs. Routledge, P. J.
 Thomson, John Joslin, Ingilston,
 Harris and Frame, and Reeves McLean,
 and McDougall, besides a number
 of other prominent gentlemen from
 all parts of this and neighboring counties.

After full justice had been done to
 the supper the plates were removed,
 cigars and fruit were handed round,
 and the company settled down to listen
 to the eloquence of the speakers and
 songs of the vocalists present.

The first toast was proposed by the Presi-
 dent "The Queen and Royal Family,"
 he company singing "God save the
 Queen" in response. "The Army and
 Navy" coupled with the name of Mr.
 Routledge was enthusiastically drunk
 with musical honors, as were all the
 toasts of the evening.

Mr. Routledge is responding thank-
 ed the company and during his re-
 marks intimated that the proposed
 county battalion could not be formed
 at the present owing to the rank of
 the auxiliary forces being full. Mr.
 Joslin was called upon for a song and
 gave "The Flag" that heaved a thou-
 sand years.

The President proposed "Our judges
 and guests" coupled with the name
 of Messrs. Proctor and Orr, both of
 these gentlemen replying in a most
 fitting manner.

Mr. Thomson then sang "A Fair
 of Orders Gray".
 The President proposed "Mr. Ing-
 ildon the inventor of the steamplough"
 and remarked that the plough had

been a great attraction to this show.
 Mr. Ingilston replied in a short and
 suitable speech.

Mr. Powers then favored the com-
 pany with a song "Little Brown Jug".
 Hon. Mr. Bourvis proposed "The
 farmers of Manitoba, coupled with the
 name of Mr. Frame."

Mr. Frame, in reply, considered the
 show had been a signal success. He
 remarked that it was only four years
 ago that he had passed over this spot
 and slept under a bush to run by
 Gopher Creek, there being no signs
 of a building here then. It seemed
 like a dream to see the change, to see
 so many settled around and such a
 fine display as they had witnessed to-
 day. This year's show would teach
 them many, who had left at night
 what they should have brought with
 them, a lesson. The farmer meets
 with many drawbacks in this new
 country but other countries have
 their drawbacks as well. The speak-
 er thought that farmers would have
 to go more into mixed farming be-
 fore making this country a success.

Referring to the probable election of
 a member, in the near future, to rep-
 resent this county in the Local Legis-
 lature, the speaker remarked that it
 was not necessary to go to Winnipeg
 or Brandon to select a candidate, for
 we could find many suitable in our
 own midst, the necessary qualifications
 being, honesty, integrity and judg-
 ment.

Mr. Joslin also spoke on the ques-
 tion of the farmers shipping their own
 grain.

Mr. Graham, of southern Manitoba,
 was called upon to speak, and he re-
 ferred to the injustice being done to
 the farmers of Manitoba by the pre-
 sent grain buyers monopoly.

The president made a few remarks
 on the same subject.

Mr. Routledge being called upon for
 a song gave "A Jolly Farmer".
 Mr. Proctor next favored the com-
 pany with a song: "The Village
 Blacksmith."

Mr. Jas. Frame proposed "The vet-
 erinary profession," coupled with the
 name of Dr. Harris.

Dr. Harris responded briefly.
 Mr. Power next sang a hunting
 song.

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ACROSS THE RIVER.

Threshing is the order of the day
 across the river, and the sound of the
 steam whistle can be heard on all sides.
 Some of the grain threshed is of excel-
 lent quality.

The parties who went to a grainery
 the other day and took two loads of
 oats without the owners consent had
 not better do so again or they may get
 a chance to learn with General.

McKenzie Bros. are threshing Dr.
 Gault's extensive wheat crop, and with
 Hill before the cylinder and Dan at
 the throttle it is hard to beat them. It
 is about the best sample of wheat
 across the river as the Dr. had it soon
 early and is now reaping the benefit.

POETRY.

BEULAH.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
 Since last writing Mr. Broadly has
 been and gone and done it, and is now
 busy preparing the cage for the bird he
 has captured.

The trustees have engaged the ser-
 vices of Mr. McFarland, from Minne-
 sota, as pedagogue for our school
 which has been vacant for some weeks.

The fair in Birtle on Oct. 8th prom-
 ised to be a good one. Fine weather
 and \$700 in prizes will doubtless bring
 out a crowd of exhibitors and sight-
 seers.

Harvesting operations are over, and
 the damage done to the crops ascertain-
 ed. There are no samples of first class
 wheat in this section. The fine weather
 of the last few weeks has been a God-
 send to the farmers, enabling them to
 finish their harvest and prepare for
 the winter. Ploughing is now the
 order of the day.

Rev. Mr. Long has been away at-
 tending Missionary meetings for some
 time, and his pulpit was filled here by
 Rev. Mr. Hanson of Oranville. While
 on the Lloyd City Mission Mr. Long,
 we understand, was thrown out of a
 buck board but sustained no more
 serious injuries than a black eye,
 sprain of two and some bruises.

A runaway team of ponies was the
 cause.

Game is not plentiful here this
 season, prairie chickens in particular
 not being nearly so numerous as in
 other years. But it will not be long
 ere the gallant young sportsmen will
 hang up the game, tie up the dog, and
 with the throw of Cupid get other
 and nobler game than ducks and
 chicken. For winter is nearly on, and
 the tackle of balls and narry
 leagues will fill the shelves. We
 may then hear of the brave boys
 sleighing the deer and bringing them
 home in their traps.

WARD NO. 2.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
 Mr. A. P. Stewart threshed out 65
 bushels of oats to the acre.

No time to lose now with the Fall
 ploughing as time flies and so does
 the snow.

Mr. Benjamin Lawrence came near
 losing his little girl one day last
 week, a vagon partly loaded with
 grain passing over the child's chest but
 am happy to say by a miracle the
 child escaped without injury.

Last Monday a fierce prairie fire
 raged over this part of the country,
 caused by a very strong wind. A
 large amount of damage was done by
 hay stacks, etc., and I am sorry to say
 Mr. J. W. Yates had his stable, 30x60
 feet, burnt to the ground. His cor-
 rated bull, which was in the stable
 at the time, being burnt to death. Mr.
 Yates had also about fifty tons of hay
 destroyed. It is a pity that the men
 who start these fires cannot be caught,
 so that an example could be made of
 them.

The boys threshed at Jimmy's last
 Saturday night, and after having
 done justice to a first class supper, pre-
 pared by the worthy host, sat round to
 pass away the evening in a pleasant
 way. One Mr. Gifford being called to
 the chair, Billy West was called upon
 the concert which he did by giving in
 his well known way "Pretty little
 Yacht" and the Railway. The chair-
 man by request then gave "Under the
 Garden Wall" which brought forth
 rounds of applause as the shore being
 loudly demanded and in response gave
 the humorous recitation "The Hus-
 band's Pettish Bill". Buckingham
 then treated the crowd in his well
 known way by "School Days" and
 it was with great difficulty that the
 chairman could restore order. A
 stampede by the Tallman was the
 next item on the programme and
 then Mr. Frank Armstrong gave us in
 his quaint way a Dutch song from
 which the boys handsomely recovered
 laughing the rest of the evening. Our
 host then gave us a musical song,
 the applause fairly shaking the building.
 Messrs. Oak, Sibley and Ross termi-
 nated the programme, and the boys have
 long since the boys adjourned home to
 spend Sunday in bed.

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late of
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CANADIAN PACIFIC RY.
 WESTERN DIVISION.
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 On and after May 21st, 1885, trains will
 move as follows:

LEAVE.	WINNIPEG.	ARRIVE.
8:30 a.m.	Winnipeg	8:30 p.m.
10:00 a.m.	Portage la Prairie	4:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.	Carleton Place	1:00 p.m.
2:15 p.m.	Brandon	1:20 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	Neepawa	3:30 a.m.
4:45 p.m.	Weyburn	4:45 a.m.
5:00 p.m.	Regina	5:00 a.m.
6:15 p.m.	Yorkton	6:15 a.m.
7:30 p.m.	Weyburn	7:30 a.m.
8:45 p.m.	Regina	8:45 a.m.
10:00 p.m.	Neepawa	10:00 a.m.
11:15 p.m.	Brandon	11:15 a.m.
12:30 p.m.	Carleton Place	12:30 p.m.
1:45 p.m.	Portage la Prairie	1:45 p.m.
3:00 p.m.	Winnipeg	3:00 p.m.

Trains between Winnipeg and Moose Jaw
 run daily except Sundays.
 Three times a week between Winnipeg and
 Canmore, leaving Winnipeg Monday, Wed-
 nesday and Friday, returning leave Canmore
 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

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